GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Standards of Major Ports
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the standards of major ports in the country still lag behind the standards of major international ports;
(b) if so, the reasons therefor;
(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the performance of these ports and bring them at par with the standards of international ports;
(d) whether the Government proposes to connect ports with nearby national highways and rail network; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a)to(c): Significant improvement in efficiency has been achieved by the Major Ports in the last two years. With a view to improve further the efficiency and productivity of the major ports and make it comparable internationally, a benchmarking study of Major Ports to international standards has been conducted which has recommended 116 initiatives out of which 70 have already been implemented.

(d)&(e):Yes, Madam. Under the Sagarmalaprogramme, the Government has proposed to connect ports with National Highways and Rail network for efficient evacuation to and from hinterland. Fifty rail connectivity enhancement projects have been identified, out of which 25 have been taken up by the Indian Port Rail Corporation Ltd. (IPRCL) for implementation. Similarly, 79 road connectivity projects have also been identified to improve connectivity of major ports with hinterland.

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